

## U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/nsc/nschome.cfm

SUBJECT: Good Neighbor Next Door (GNND) Occupancy Requirement

The Good Neighbor Next Door Program provides police officers, teachers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians the opportunity to purchase HUD-owned homes at a significant discount.

In recognition of the sacrifice being made by many of our men and women in the United States military service who have been called to active duty in support of our nation, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is permitting a special accommodation in it's Good Neighbor Next Door Program (GNND).

To be a participant in the GNND Program, eligible purchasers must agree to occupy the property as their sole residence for a mandatory three (3) year period following the closing of the sale. Under the terms of the GNND contract, participants who do not satisfy the residency requirement must refund a prorated portion of the discount to HUD.

Those GNND participants who are called to active duty at posts outside the commuting area of their home purchased under the GNND Program may be unable to satisfy this occupancy requirement. For these individuals, HUD will credit all time served on active duty against the three-year occupancy requirement.

Properties sold under the GNND Program are located in revitalization areas of metropolitan cities. To lessen the impact of vacant properties on these neighborhoods, HUD will allow GNND participants called to remote duty assignments to rent their homes during their absence. The term of the rental should not exceed the estimated period of active duty. GNND Program participants will be expected to resume residence in the property once they are released from a remote duty assignment.

Any person in the military service eligible for relief under the provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, may request this special accommodation by sending a written request, along with a copy of: (1) Active Duty Orders, (2) Power of Attorney, and (3) Rental Agreement (if applicable) to:

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development C/o Morris-Griffin/First Madison Services, Inc.

Attn: GNND – Customer Service 4111 South Darlington, Suite 300

Tulsa, OK 74135 FAX: (918) 270-4213

Questions regarding this special GNND initiative should be directed to First Madison's toll free customer service number, (800) 967-3050.

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